

The National Reading Champions quiz was an amazing opportunity! On the 4th May 2021, we competed in the National Reading Champions Quiz. For a few weeks, the Arden pupils competing in this quiz revised, revisited and expanded our knowledge on books, and even though we didn't win the quiz, we all learned a lot! Arden had two teams, four year eights formed Arden team 1, and myself and three other year sevens formed Arden Team two. We participated against 36 other schools, in ten rounds of ten questions, to compete for a place in the National Reading Champions finals. Whilst participating in this quiz, we quizzed, talked, and overall had a great deal of fun! In the end, us year sevens came seventh place, and the year eights came fourth. The quiz was an overall enriching opportunity not to be missed, and a great opportunity for bibliophiles (such as myself) to use their knowledge of books!

Elizabeth Steane, 7L, (one of the year 7 National Reading Champions), says that she thinks 'It didn't really matter whether we won or lost, I had a lot of fun revisiting old books that I hadn't read in years, and I was on a team with my friends, so it was great to be able to revise together.'

In the words of Vince Lombardi- 'Winning is not everything, but making the effort to win is.'

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